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# Standing in the Gap

**T**he request to visit Georgie came via Canada Post. An elderly mother living in Toronto was distressed about her son who had been placed in a mental health institution in Moose Jaw, Sask. Georgie was perhaps five or six years of age mentally and emotionally, but he was trapped in the body of a 46-year-old. Standing 6' 2" and weighing 240 lbs, he was an imposing man, yet he displayed many of the traits of a young child.

The year was 1979 and my wife and I were the corps officers in this southern prairie city. The government's process of de-institutionalizing many of Canada's most vulnerable citizens had not yet reached Moose Jaw. And so, on a wintry December morning, I set out to try and bridge the gap between a concerned parent and her adult child.

The mental health facility was massive. Navigating it required patience and perseverance. When I met Georgie, he spoke almost exclusively in monosyllables, punctuated by long periods of silence. His mother regularly sent care packages consisting mostly of clothing, and I gladly delivered them. Over time, Georgie and I developed a level of trust and the staff granted permission for me to take him out for short excursions in my car. On one such occasion, we stopped for ice cream, which Georgie managed to consume in

three enthusiastic bites.

My visits extended over an 18-month period until one day I received an urgent communication from Georgie's mother. The administrator from the institution had just called her to advise that Georgie had died as a result of a major seizure. "I would be grateful, Captain, if you would collect my son's few possessions from the place where he lived."

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Her grief was significant, but in the midst of her tears was the sense that, through The Salvation Army, she had been able to provide a level of care for a son whom she deeply loved. It was a humbling reminder of the trust and privilege that is ours as Salvationists to serve those who are the most vulnerable in our world. They are more than statistics. They are people with names who deserve to be treated with respect and dignity. They have hopes and dreams. They need to love and be loved.

In this issue of *Salvationist*, we highlight the ministry of Broadview Village, a place that has brought safety and a future to people with developmental disabilities for more than 40 years. It represents a host of other Salvation Army centres around the territory that have become a home for those who desperately need one. We salute the staff and volunteers of the Village and all of our centres who selflessly care for others.

At this Thanksgiving time of the year, may we not only count our blessings but look for opportunities to bless those around us who need it most.

MAJOR JIM CHAMP  
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## Sarnia Sends Mats to Haiti

SINCE JANUARY, WOMEN from community care ministries in Sarnia, Ont., have crocheted 30 mats from plastic milk bags for Haiti. "Sixteen people help make the mats, not counting those giving us milk bags," says Deborah Gilbert, CCM secretary. "Some volunteers cut the bags into strips and roll them into balls of plastic and others crochet. We get the milk bags from friends, family, neighbours, schools, churches, restaurants, nursing homes and day-care centres." These thick, waterproof mats have even been used as classroom walls.



Haitian school children sit on mats crocheted from plastic milk bags

## Farewell to Miracle Valley in B.C.

AFTER NEARLY 50 YEARS of rescuing men who had fallen into the black abyss of addiction, The Salvation Army's Cordula and Gunter Paetzold Treatment Centre (formerly known as Miracle Valley) has officially closed in Mission, B.C. An estimated 35,000 men came through the centre's healing program since Captain "Banjo" Bill Leslie opened it in 1961. "This is a sad day, but it's also a day to celebrate the good work that has been done," said Mission Mayor James Atebe. "What the Army has done here is phenomenal."

Sean Russell was a young man with a lot of problems when he first arrived at the centre in 2001. "I waited at the gate for seven hours before they let me in," he recalled at the closing ceremony in July. "I created so much havoc in Mission, none of the other places would take me." He slipped a couple of times. His last stay was in 2007, when he was abusing many different substances. "I was just a mess. This place saved my life," he said. Russell completed a 90-day recovery program, earned a counselling degree and is now an addictions counsellor at the Mission Indian Friendship Centre.

With declining client enrolment, rising expenses, an aging facility and interest in remote, rural retreat facilities dropping, the Army decided to close the Paetzold Centre. The Salvation Army will, however, continue to offer treatment services in the region at Vancouver's Belkin House and Harbour Light.

Salvationists, clients and community supporters outside the chapel at Miracle Valley

Information and photo courtesy of Christina Toth, Abbotsford Mission Times



## Working Together to Serve North Simcoe

TO COPE WITH INCREASING demands on the Army's food bank in Midland, Ont., Peter Thomas, community and family services director, and Janet Arnett, volunteer assistant, developed a team of volunteers who organized various weeklong events in June to make the communities in North Simcoe more aware of people's needs. "We networked with other food banks in our region, as well as the soup kitchens, drop-in centres and other community programs," says Thomas.

The results were encouraging. Food banks held open houses. School children created artwork and held food drives. A hunger awareness dinner raised \$1,200 to support the Good Food Box program. Six local politicians agreed to live on the type of food that a food bank customer would

receive in an effort to better understand the situation. Typical food hampers include cans of soup, macaroni and cheese dinners, spaghetti and tomato sauce, foods high in carbohydrates and sodium and low on protein. "It's a diet I wouldn't want to live on," said Midland Mayor Jim Downer.

Canned or powdered milk as well as canned meats such as tuna, salmon and chicken are in high demand at most food banks. "It boggles my mind to think of a person living on less than \$600 a month and what they do for food," said Penetanguishene Mayor Anita Dubau.

"As a result of our initiative,

food banks in our region are meeting quarterly to work together in serving clients," says Thomas. "It was a successful event to build on for next year."



Tay Township Mayor Scott Warnock receives his food bank supplies for one week from Peter Thomas



## Defeating Darkness at Haven of Hope

IN HER PLAY *The Testimony*, Captain Terri Wallace, family services officer, Haven of Hope Ministries, Regina, dramatized the reality of good and evil in people's lives. Two performances were held in June for an audience of 200, including corps members and Friday night drop-in clients. The cast all attend Haven of Hope Ministries Church in Regina. The play's main character, Victoria, who partly reflects Captain Wallace's own journey, attempts throughout the play to write about the time in her life when she had been hurting herself and others through drugs and alcohol. As The Shadow (Satan) lurks in the background, Victoria initially is reluctant to write, but with the Man in White's (Jesus) help, she is able to face the dark memories of her past. "I wanted people to know that whatever their struggles, God is on our side," says Captain Wallace. "In his death and Resurrection, Jesus has defeated Satan, the Prince of Darkness."



The Haven of Hope players: front row, from left, Kim Lesyk, Rhonda Callfas, Lt Lynda Wakelyn and Marge Wishart. Back row, from left, David Warford and Cpt Terri Wallace

## International Relations

ON JULY 4, Commissioners William W. and Marilyn D. Francis, territorial leaders, visited David Jacobson, U.S. Ambassador to Canada, for the Independence Day celebrations held at his residence in Ottawa. Also present were Captains John and Brenda Murray, public relations and development, Ontario Central-East Division.



## Divisional Farewell for Candidates

IN JUNE, A CAPACITY crowd at Mountain Citadel, Hamilton, Ont., said farewell to the accepted candidates from the Ontario Great Lakes Division. In September, the candidates began their studies at the College for Officer Training in Winnipeg. Lt-Colonel Sandra Rice, secretary for personnel, joined Lt-Colonels Lee and Debbie Graves, divisional leaders, in leading the service of praise and dedication. Music was provided by the Simcoe Corps Band, the Meadowlands Songsters and a worship team that included several candidates. Candidate Josh Ivany led a time of singing and worship.

Candidate Tina Phanthaamath shared her testimony of converting from Buddhism to Christianity and how God has answered prayer for her parents' and sister's salvation. Candidate Brian Bobolo also related how God called him into service as an officer. Captain Neil Sunnuck, divisional youth secretary, introduced the candidates who have since joined the Friends of Christ Session of cadets in Winnipeg: Brian and June Bobolo, Mountain Citadel, Hamilton; Josh and Jennifer Ivany, Westminster Park, London; Keesom and Tina Phanthaamath, Laotian Corps, Hamilton; and Bethany Howard, Chatham-Kent Ministries, Chatham.

Lt-Colonel Rice spoke about Moses' encounter with God at the burning bush and encouraged her listeners to look for God in the ordinary moments of life. Following the sermon, she invited the officers present to show their support for the accepted candidates by joining them at the front of the citadel for prayer and dedication.

### Did you know ...

... residents at The Salvation Army Toronto Grace Health Centre were able to enjoy the summer weather in their new rooftop garden? The garden features several planters filled with plants for residents to tend to, window boxes, plenty of seating and a water fountain emerging from a scenic painting on one wall

... The Salvation Army partnered with Molly Maid and its customers in July to collect non-perishable food items to help restock depleted food bank shelves? "Our customers are extremely generous regarding our annual 'Christmas in July' food drives," says Amelia Mackie with the Molly Maid office in Mississauga, Ont. "They leave packages of food for our staff to pick up when they are having their homes serviced"

... families left reeling after a loved one is taken to prison now have a place to turn to for support in Barrie, Ont.? Mjr Faye Strickland, correctional and justice services, initiated FAITH—families and friends of inmates holding strong together with hope—because institutions and individuals asked for the Army's help. She and a volunteer facilitate a bi-weekly support-group meeting. "I was so moved by the need that I could not turn a deaf ear," says Mjr Strickland. "We want a safe place for them to have open, confidential discussions about coping with their day-to-day struggles"

... BC Hydro and The Salvation Army in Vernon, B.C., have partnered to distribute free energy kits to food bank clients? Each kit contains approximately \$75 worth of energy-efficient products that are easy to install, such as fluorescent light bulbs, water-saving showerheads, faucet aerators and weather stripping



# Gravenhurst Celebrates God's Faithfulness

COLONELS FLOYD AND Tracey Tidd, chief secretary and territorial secretary for women's ministries, led the 125th corps anniversary celebrations at Gravenhurst, Ont., under the theme The Faithfulness of God. Festivities began with a children's fun time on Saturday morning with face painting, a fish pond, crafts and a lunch of hot dogs and chips.

During the anniversary dinner at Gravenhurst High School in the evening, Mayor John Klinck and MP Tony Clement presented commemorative plaques to the corps and Colonel Floyd Tidd delivered a devotional message.

At the corps later that evening, the Ontario Central-East Divisional Youth Band presented a music concert, including an inspirational rendition of the song *The King is Coming*. On Sunday morning, an ensemble from the youth band played at a nearby nursing home and Captain Stephen White, divisional youth secretary, shared a biblical message with the residents. The weekend concluded with Sunday worship led by Colonels Tidd.

"Since Captain Robert Bell opened the corps in 1885, 117 officers and countless soldiers, adherents and friends have kept the work going here," says Captain Bonita McGory, corps officer. "God's faithfulness is as steady as Muskoka bedrock."



Head table guests at the anniversary dinner, from left, Mjr Lynn Cummings, AC; Mayor John Klinck; Colonel Tracey Tidd; Colonel Floyd Tidd; MP Tony Clement; Mjr Mark Cummings, CO, Barrie, Ont; Cpt Bonita McGory, CO



Divisional youth band members lead worship at Gravenhurst anniversary celebrations

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# Grace in the Ghetto

Discovering the light of God in dark places

BY MAJOR JULIE SLOUS

Some people say you have to do inner-city missions to experience the scope of poverty and human suffering. At Winnipeg's Heritage Park Temple, we've recently uncovered evidence to the contrary.

It all started a few weeks ago as we began holding open-air children's meetings around our neighbourhood. Our primary goal was to inform our community about our summer day-camp program. We knew about the economic strain and the at-risk

kids around us, because we were already connecting with many of them. What we didn't know about was an instance of extreme need that existed just a few blocks away from our corps building.

The location in question is strategically tucked away behind a large shopping complex. Access is not straightforward. As we arrived on the scene, it was obvious the kinds of challenges that face the residents: broken doors and windows leading to inadequate security; overgrown walkways;

lifting sidewalks; rusty, abandoned appliances cluttering the landscape; garbage and debris unlikely to be removed any time soon.

Here, in my part of suburbia, was a ghetto. As *Webster's Dictionary* defines it, "a poor section of a city, inhabited by people of the same social background." No one had a "better place" up the street. Whether you lived upper level or lower level, it was the same situation—people just trying to get by on what they had. My heart



ached as I thought about the comfort of my home and all the benefits my children could boast.

Then we met Megan (not her real name), a delightful bundle of energy and enthusiasm wrapped up in a six-year-old body that had probably not seen soap or water for quite some time. Walking barefoot and wearing torn clothing, she was more than willing to show us where all her friends lived around the complex. "This is Max's house," she said. "His dad is real mean. Don't go knocking there if you know what's good for you! This is Sam's house. His mom is sick so we have to play quietly outside her window."

Within minutes of our arrival, a crowd gathered in the centre courtyard. We brought out parachute games and bottles of bubbles and fired up our portable barbecue for free hotdogs. Some of the adults even got in on the action! Then came the climax that ripped at the hearts of us all. As our new friend sat drawing with her piece of crumbled sidewalk chalk, one of our workers mentioned the dark-rimmed glasses she was wearing. "Megan," she said, "I really like your glasses!" A sad look suddenly came over the child's face. "Oh thanks, but they're not mine," she said. "They belong to my grandma. She just lets me borrow them so I can see."

While we heard the child's response in one ear, another voice was speaking. The needs of this community were before us. What could we do as The Salvation Army to make a difference?

The challenges of this neighbourhood were shared with our congregation the following Sunday. Interestingly, the Bible

reading for the morning was Revelation 22, which describes the joy of entering into the New Jerusalem. The author does not record the presence of broken windows or lifting sidewalks or accumulated garbage and debris. There is no human struggle. The vision is one of eternal perfection, where water flows as clear as crystal from the throne of God. The tree of life stands as evidence that sin's curse has been broken and everyone whose robes have been washed gains access to this holy place (see Revelation 22:2-14).

## What remains tucked away in our neighbourhoods, unseen to the common eye? Where do we find unmet human need? Where can we make a difference?

I started wondering what it would take to see my neighbours who lived down the street taking up this new place of residence. What would it take to meet them at the river of life?

Soon after, I had the privilege of going back to the ghetto. I went to deliver a gift. Megan is going to get her own set of glasses, thanks to the kindness of someone

in our congregation. As I shared the news with her mother, she burst into tears. "I don't know what to say," she said. "I don't have enough words to express my gratitude. No one has ever cared this much about my family."

That afternoon, grace found its way into the ghetto. The presence of Christ came a few steps closer to a woman who didn't see any hope beyond her daily struggles. The possibility of redemption and new life moved within her reach. Ironically, it could be a new set of glasses that becomes her stepping stone to the river of life.

The challenge for each of us is to keep looking at our community through the eyes of Christ. What remains tucked away in our neighbourhoods, unseen to the common eye? Where do we find unmet human need? Where can we make a difference? Will we be bold enough to play a role in bringing grace to the ghetto?

Ours is a ministry of extending transformational grace, daring to proclaim that everyone has a place at the river of life. There it won't matter what our previous address was, only that we've had eyes to see and hearts to embrace the grace that has been shown to us. Perhaps that simple pair of eyeglasses is symbolic of our mission: to bring sight and healing to those who cannot see the light of God because of the overwhelming nature of their struggles. May God give us eyes to see that which has become invisible to a self-absorbed, self-centred society. Truly, we Salvationists are called to see what others don't. ☸

*Major Julie Slous is the corps officer at Heritage Park Temple in Winnipeg.*

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Cpt Keith Warford, executive director, watches as Broadview staff and residents play a game

# It Takes a Village . . .

In the heart of Toronto, Broadview Village extends a helping hand to people with developmental disabilities

BY MELISSA WALTER, *STAFF WRITER*

**T**he red brick buildings of Broadview Village lie sprawled along a busy street in Toronto, surrounded by a spacious lawn. Over the years, the city has grown up around this Salvation Army property. But many Torontonians who walk past the buildings every day have no idea what goes on there. Joanne Dickinson, program facilitator, points out that people often see the Salvation Army sign and step inside to offer their help, “but working with our clientele isn’t on their radar.”

Broadview Village caters to adults with developmental disabilities, including those with Down syndrome, autism and physical health challenges. The goal of Broadview is to provide a home where counsellors assist residents in leading safe, fulfilling lives.

## Active Life

Broadview Village is a home for those who desperately need one. In many cases, clients’ aging parents can no longer care for them, and they benefit from the stability and support of a residential program. Once a vacancy emerges, between five and 10 people from the priority housing list are interviewed, and two or three of those are asked to return for a visit. “We look for a good fit between the resident and Broadview,” Dickinson explains. “We

## A History of Broadview

Just like the city around it, Broadview Village has changed over the years. The location was originally known as Chester Park and housed a mansion

belonging to a wealthy neighbourhood family. In 1940, The Salvation Army bought the land and transformed it into The Nest, a home for emotionally challenged children.

In the mid-1970s, The Nest became a home for adolescents with developmental disabilities and officially became known as Broadview Village. When the first generation of teens reached adulthood, it was expected that they’d move on to other homes. As it turned out, the wait lists for such residences were growing longer and longer. And so the village became a facility for adults, officially changing its mandate in 1997.





try to select the individual who is best suited to the program.”

After the decision is made, the future resident makes four more visits before moving in, gradually acclimatizing to the environment. “Transition is key for people with developmental disabilities,” notes Dickinson. Staff help new residents set up their rooms, and invite family over frequently during the transition phase.

Once they’ve moved in, residents join in the busy life at Broadview. During the day, they travel off-site to work or participate in day programs. One of these day programs—the Broadview Village Enrichment Program—is operated directly by the centre. Forty-three participants meet weekdays for a variety of activities, including crafts, music, sports, academics, baking and spa time. The goal is to develop the skills of the participants—teaching things such as typing, basic finances or handling confrontation—while at the same time providing a fun atmosphere.

In the afternoon, Broadview residents return to their homes, where they eat dinner together before an evening of swimming, movies, bowling or a coffee run. The village also hosts many special events, such as Broadview Olympics and Broadview Idol. Every year, the members of each “house” go on vacation, often on camping trips or to cottages.

### Individual Abilities

Whenever possible, Broadview residents are encouraged to explore their unique interests. For example, Richard enjoys shopping at a local grocery store as well as bowling and going to the library. Another resident, Candace, takes the bus to a sheltered workshop each day.

While Richard and Candace enjoy a certain amount of independence, some residents are less able to express their needs. For some, physical disabilities or behavioural problems also factor into the level of assistance they need. To include everyone, activities at Broadview are tailored to allow different kinds of participation. For instance, when members of the day program participate in Meals on Wheels, each one does different things—packing up the meals, plotting out a route, ringing the doorbells of the houses—but they all work together.

### Close Bonds

“One of the key things we do is to individualize,” says Dickinson. Every year a personalized program plan is developed with each client, in which staff and family or caregivers discuss his or her likes and dislikes, and goals are set for the year. For example, does this person want to take a particular kind of trip? Is there someone he or she wants to meet? “Staff ensure that the clients are aware of their options, and that activities are done with them and not for them,” says Muriel Scott, divisional program development



Above and below: Broadview Village encourages residents to participate in work and leisure activities



Each year, Broadview's Strawberry Fair attracts people from the community





manager, Ontario Central-East Division, and former executive director of Broadview Village.

Residents and staff develop firm bonds. They cook and clean together, celebrate birthdays together and become like family. Counsellor Tham Van Le jokes that he has taken on a number of jobs by working at Broadview. "Let me see, I'm a cook, an accountant, a friend," he smiles. But the proof Van Le loves his job is in his longevity—he is one of several employees who have served more than 20 years at Broadview. "The best thing about working here is their sense of wonder," he says about his clients. "It gives me hope."

### Strawberry Fair

As a former chaplain at Broadview, Colonel Tracey Tidd, territorial secretary for women's ministries, advocates for more Salvationists to get involved with ministry to people with developmental disabilities. "It can be difficult to make connections between places like Broadview and Salvation Army churches," says Colonel Tidd. "Many people don't understand developmental disabilities and they don't know how to approach the residents." But she believes it's important to involve Salvation Army corps in Broadview's work as much as possible, whether through joint services, performances by bands and choirs or simply visiting.

Fortunately there are a number of events that help to promote awareness and draw Salvationists together with Broadview residents, staff, family members and volunteers. The Strawberry Fair, held every June, is the biggest of these—a chance to celebrate Broadview and raise funds for its clients.

At this year's Strawberry Fair, live music was presented throughout the afternoon, with residents joining in the singing and dancing. A number of tables offered different items for sale, such as books, crafts made by the residents, barbecued food, clothing and baked goods. The Agincourt Community Church Band and the Ontario Central-East Divisional Youth Chorus both performed. Every year the fair is organized by the Friends and Families of Broadview Village, a group of volunteers comprised primarily of family of residents or past staff members. Some of these volunteers have helped out at the fair for 30 years.

"Volunteering not only helps others, but it gives us a great deal of personal satisfaction," says Bonnie Evans, chair of the


group. "It is a joy to see how happy the residents are on the Strawberry Fair day."

Broadview's connection to The Salvation Army also endures through its Christian focus. The chaplain visits each house once a month, introducing a theme, such as the armour of God, through music, crafts and Bible games. At the day program, Christian education is held once a week, and grace is said before meals. Nicky Hall, day program co-ordinator, has noticed that prayer is a therapeutic tool for residents who have experienced stressful or upsetting events: "When you pray for someone else, it's about what you and God can do for them, not what they did to you."

### A Growing Village

Funding is always an issue for Broadview Village, especially as many of the residents age. Recently, Broadview has been saving up for a new elevator so that residents in wheelchairs can access activities in other houses. Increasingly, residents who are becoming less mobile depend on staff support during the day, a service for which Broadview does not receive funding.

Despite these setbacks, Broadview continues to expand. Several years ago the day program began offering some residents a one-week vacation to Jackson's Point Conference Centre, giving their families some time to relax. A weeklong after-school program for children with developmental disabilities was also launched, with 14 children participating. The enrichment program hopes to expand both of those initiatives in the future.

For 40 years, Broadview has seen many changes, but the focus is always the same. As Major Rex Colbourne, former executive director, puts it simply, "They try to be God's hands extended." 

### Broadview by the Numbers

- Broadview Village is composed of eight different houses (five on-site and three off-site) with 68 residents.
- 135 staff members work at Broadview in shifts, with two or three staff members present in every house during waking hours, and one staff member overnight.
- In 2009, five staff members joined the Over 20 Club, celebrating 20 years spent working at Broadview.
- Each resident takes about two weeks of vacation a year, usually travelling together with others from their house.
- The youngest resident at Broadview is 24. Most are between 35 and 50.
- Broadview Village has had only two openings for new residents in the last two years.



# Pakistan Flood Relief

With more than a million Pakistanis homeless, The Salvation Army is distributing food and bedding to those most vulnerable

**T**he Salvation Army in Pakistan is helping people who have lost homes and possessions in the worst floods the region has seen in 80 years. More than 1,400 people lost their lives in the flooding, which also left 25,000 more trapped and awaiting rescue. More than a million people are thought to be homeless.

The Salvation Army's divisional commander in Islamabad and the corps officers from Peshawar became aware of at least 3,000 families in the areas of Peshawar, Charsada, Noshera, Jhanghira, Tar Nab and Rasalpur who need food, cooking/eating utensils and bedding materials.

An initial sum of \$20,000 from International Headquarters and \$28,000 from the Switzerland, Austria and Hungary Territory allowed the local Salvation Army to begin an urgent response. Since then, the Canada and Bermuda Territory has contributed \$50,000. While this took place, Salvation Army emergency relief team members in Pakistan conducted a thorough assessment of the situation and liaised with the government's National Management Disaster Authority.

Captain Washington Daniel, the Army's district officer for Islamabad, went to Peshawar to assess how The Salvation Army could best help. "Most houses are badly damaged or have fallen down completely due to the flood water," says Captain Daniel. "River water came into many houses, rising to above six feet in some places. People are looking for shelter, going to relatives' houses or to churches.



Distributing relief packages to villagers




Salvation Army relief workers assess the flood damage

People are feeling hopeless and are afraid to return home."

The Salvation Army distributed relief packages to 150 families affected by the flooding. The packages consisted of mattresses, quilts, pillows and sets of kitchen utensils.

The distribution took place in a health centre about 58 kilometres from Peshawar in northwest Pakistan. The packs were given to Christian, Muslim and Hindu families sheltering in local schools.

The distribution had to finish earlier than planned because of heavy rain, but the remaining packages were given out later in the week. The Army later distributed packs to a further 300 families in Charsada.

The bedding materials were sourced in Peshawar to keep delivery costs down and the kitchen utensil packages put together at Pakistan Territorial Headquarters in Lahore. As the ongoing floods caused power cuts and transport problems, the delivery of vital goods has been sporadic. 

For more international news, visit [Salvationist.ca/international](http://Salvationist.ca/international).

## WEEK 1 Focus on Women's Ministries

- The mentoring of women officers to help them realize their potential and to inspire other women to consider God's calling to officership
- Women who are reached for Christ through community and social ministries to grow in their new life in him
- Women in our corps to utilize opportunities to connect with children, leading them to a relationship with Christ and service to God in The Salvation Army

## WEEK 2 Focus on The Salvation Army's Educators and Students

- The Friends of Christ Session of cadets and the staff at the College for Officer Training, Winnipeg
- The salvation and solid faith foundation of children
- Corps officers and lay leaders responsible for weekly programs for children, teens and young adults
- Staff and students of Booth University College, Winnipeg

## WEEK 3 Focus on the International Army

- The Army's disaster relief efforts in Pakistan, Romania, Brazil, Haiti and Chile
- General Shaw and Commissioner Helen Clifton, Commissioners Barry and Sue Swanson
- Canadian Salvationists serving in international appointments
- The Third Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization, Cape Town, South Africa, October 16-25

## WEEK 4 Focus on Church Planting and Rural Ministries

- Courage to take risks, to learn from our failures and to be willing to help each other work through difficult issues in church planting
- Dependence on the Holy Spirit to provide opportunities to discuss the future of existing corps and the possibility of new corps flourishing across the territory
- More officers and lay leaders to become skilled and effective in sustaining and developing rural ministries
- Direction and appropriate leadership for children, youth and family ministries at Maple Creek, Sask., with Captains Edward and Charlotte Dean, corps officers

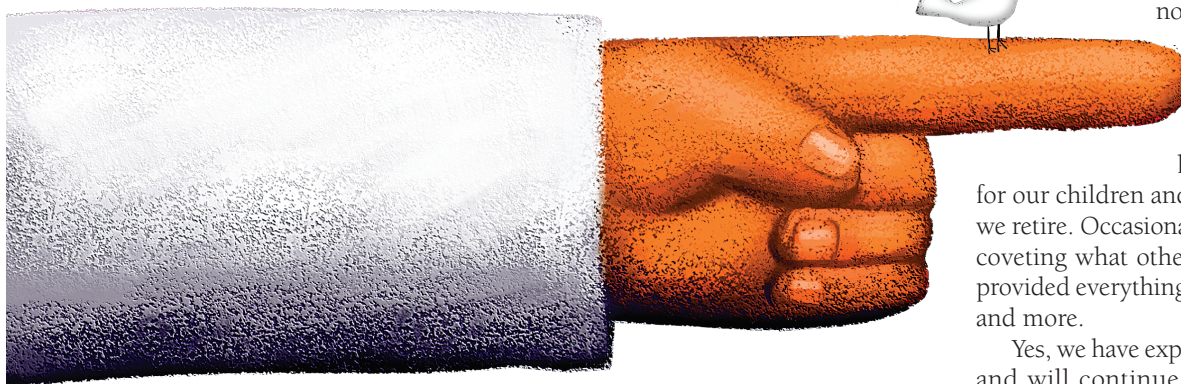




# No Turning Back

It's not always an easy road, but officership offers rich rewards

BY MAJOR KATHIE CHIU




not abandon us.

Then there have been times when I've fretted over finances, wondering how we'll afford things for our children and how we'll live when we retire. Occasionally I even find myself coveting what others have. Yet God has provided everything we have ever needed and more.

Yes, we have experienced difficulties—and will continue to do so. However, there have been far more positive experiences than difficult ones. Not only that, but officership has been more rewarding than anything else I have ever done in my life. Nothing can compare to the thrill

I've experienced in helping usher a new soul into the Kingdom. I still get choked with emotion when someone comes forward to the mercy seat. There is nothing more satisfying than knowing that I've helped people improve their lives. When someone stands up in church and says, "I've been clean and sober for a year now. If it wasn't for The Salvation Army, I don't know where I'd be!" I know I've experienced something special. I've become part of something much bigger than I ever imagined.

There will continue to be difficult times because whenever people are making a difference for the Lord, the enemy will step up his attacks. I know I won't always agree with my leaders. I know that I'll sometimes want to see changes in the Army that others won't. I know I'll face fierce battles. But I also know that God is bigger than anything the enemy can throw my way. This Army is in God's hands, not human hands.

If God is calling you to officership, answer the call. It won't be easy, but it will be filled with experiences you can't find anywhere else. It's an adventure you'll never regret. 

It was 1989. As my husband and I prepared to enter training college to become Salvation Army officers, our lives became extremely busy. Sometimes tempers flared from the tension as we faced difficult changes. One day, I was getting into the car with Sarah, my then eight-year-old daughter. I must have been having a hard time restraining my frustration because she said to me, "Mom, don't you want to go to training college?" I knew I had to be honest with this bright, inquisitive child of mine.

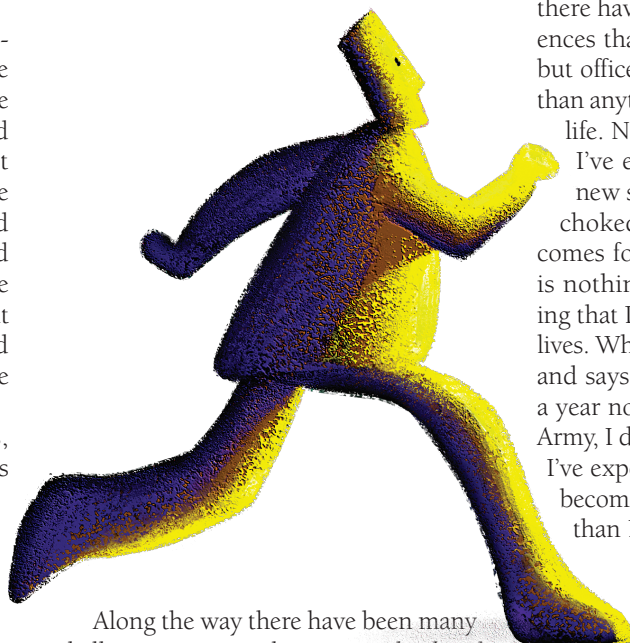
"Most of the time, but sometimes, Sarah, I don't," I answered. "Sometimes I'm afraid."

"Then why are you going?" she asked.

"Because God is calling me," I said, "and when God calls, you have to be obedient. You have to have faith and trust in him."

That's the crux of the matter for me. Living in the centre of God's will has to be my true aim as a disciple of Christ. I long to live a life that is pleasing to God, using my gifts and talents to fulfil my purpose here on earth. This is a constant challenge as my personal and selfish desires battle with God's will on a regular basis.

I was recently asked why I am an officer. After 18 years I had to stop and think. I know the reason I started. I experienced a strong call to serve God through The Salvation Army. But I wanted to be sure I knew why, after all these years, I remain an officer. I asked that question of myself because it has not been an easy road.



Along the way there have been many challenges. In our early years, my husband and I sometimes found it difficult to navigate our role in ministry and felt the sting of attack from within our congregations. It's not easy to know that people dislike you or question your motives. However, godly and loving people came alongside of us and applied salve to those wounds.

At other times we felt unfairly treated by our Army leaders and wondered why we should continue if it was going to be so difficult. But again, God brought people into our lives to encourage us to carry on and to remind us that there will always be people with whom we disagree. We resolved not to let the attitude or actions of a few people steer us from the path to which God had called us. Surely he would

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# Kids Matter

Do we have a special responsibility to children?

BY COLONEL FLOYD TIDD

**T**he school bus pulled up to the house and, following a knock on the door, the children ran down the front steps and eagerly climbed aboard. Another Sunday morning and a busload of children was making its way to the Salvation Army Sunday school.

Stepping onto that Sunday school bus, on a cold Sudbury, Ont., winter morning, was a little girl named Tracey. Tracey would grow up to become a follower of Jesus and a Salvation Army officer. I am grateful for the corps and the leaders who walked those childhood steps with the little girl who would later become my wife and partner in Salvation Army ministry.

This story has been played out across Canada and Bermuda in recent decades. Sunday school “bus ministry” is an expression of Salvation Army connection with children in our communities. Other time-honoured ministries have included camping ministries, guiding and scouting groups, kids’ clubs and vacation Bible school programs.

In addition, Salvation Army corps and community churches across Canada and Bermuda now reach out to children and their families with sports ministries, school breakfast clubs, Red Cap anger management clubs, day camps, day-care centres, music programs, Pioneer clubs and after-school programs for school-aged children.

Why invest so much time, energy and money in ministry with children?

More than 135 years ago, William Booth instructed Salvationists: “Secure and train converts. Improve the training of officers. Pay a thousand, no ten thousand times more attention to children.” Today, *Orders & Regulations for Work Among Young People* states that the supreme aim of The Salvation Army’s work with young people is to bring them to a living faith in Jesus Christ.

Sociologist George Barna has found that a person’s lifelong behaviours and views are generally developed when they are young, particularly before they reach the teenage years. His research outlines

four significant reasons why ministry to children matters:

1. A person’s moral foundations are generally in place by the time they reach age nine.
2. A person’s response to the meaning and personal value of Jesus Christ’s life, death and Resurrection is usually determined before a person reaches 18.
3. In most cases, a person’s spiritual beliefs are irrevocably formed in his or her pre-teen years.
4. Most adult church leaders have had serious training and involvement in church life since an early age.

Barna cites “overwhelming evidence” that the earlier faith is developed, the greater the impact and sustainability in a person’s life. “Children are the single most important population group for the Church to focus on,” he concludes.

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Effective children’s ministry embraces the Army’s mission to share the love of Jesus Christ, meet human needs and be a transforming influence in our communities. Do children in our corps and community know the love of Jesus? How are we sharing that message? Are children being saved? Do we know the needs of the children in our community? What better



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way to transform our community than to work with children and their families? When was the last time you prayed for the spiritual lives of children? These are great questions for the next meeting of your young people’s pastoral care council.

There may be corps that don’t have a regular children’s ministry and wonder where to begin. In every community across this territory with a Salvation Army corps, there are children and families who connect with The Salvation Army. The connection may be as brief as a Christmas toy, a food-bank visit or an application for a week at summer camp. But every Salvation Army corps and centre—and its officers, soldiers and volunteers—can strengthen that connection, attracting young people with a relevant and varied program, building relationships with children and parents. Your divisional youth secretary and divisional children’s ministries secretary are prepared to support your corps in strengthening its ministry to children.

Let’s all be encouraged for a new day in ministry with children. As William Booth put it, “Have faith in God for the children. Teach the children. Have patience with the children. Convert the children. Let nothing less than their salvation satisfy you. When they fall, set them on their feet again. It is their salvation you want, and nothing less than that must satisfy you.” 

Colonel Floyd Tidd is the chief secretary of the Canada and Bermuda Territory.



# Antiques Roadshow

Do our churches attract the nostalgic and the curious while the masses of humanity pass us by?

BY MAJOR FRED ASH

**Antique:** 1. a relic or object of ancient times; 2. being in the style or fashion of former times.

**A**s I drove through the main street of a southern Ontario city, I saw ahead of me a large sign that read ANTIQUES. When I drew closer, I realized that it was attached to the front steps of an old brick church. A cross stood over the door and another on the roof. Stained-glass windows still invited the passersby.

Except for the sign, the church looked the same as it did when it was erected, more than a hundred years ago. The church itself is an antique. No one worships there anymore. The money changers have taken it over, selling old things to old people, nostalgic for things that were, but will never be again.

I thought of the Salvation Army churches I had visited over the past few months. Most of the worshippers were as old as the vintage items found in that little brick church. Some of us baby boomers even grew up with oil lamps, vacuum-tube radios and box cameras.

It begs the question: Has The Salvation Army become an antique, an organization in the style or fashion of former times?

I entered training college in the days when men wore high-collar uniforms and women wore buns and bonnets. In my second year of training, the principal decided that cadets did not need to wear that uncomfortable regalia in class, a radical move at the time. A few years later, the Army in Canada exchanged the high collars for lapel uniforms and the bonnets for hats. One would think from the reaction of some Salvationists that the sky had fallen in. But the young women officers were glad enough to burn their buns and so, too, were the young men to cast off their choking collars. Many of us younger folk saw these styles as outdated.

The clientele at antique stores are dedicated to their hobby and willing to pay top dollar for something they really like. But these vintage shops don't attract a fraction

of the people who go to Wal-Mart, the movies or the local Tim Hortons. The same can be said of most churches, including those that belong to The Salvation Army. We have our clientele—people who are dedicated to attending Sunday morning worship and people who will pay top dollar to hear a brass band concert or choir. But those numbers pale in comparison to the numbers of people at the local mall on Sunday morning, a rock concert on Saturday night or at the local coffee shops on Wednesday evening.

In the eyes of many, the Church has become an antique. Those of us who attend just don't have the honesty to hang the sign on the front steps.

But the gospel is as fresh today as when Jesus first announced the good news on the hills of Galilee. It spoke to his generation and to every subsequent generation. And the postmodern generation is waiting to hear it. One of the problems is that we don't speak their language. We don't think like they think. Until we learn that, we will be stuck in antiquity.


Our Founder, William Booth, knew how to speak the language of his generation. That was a generation of progress that looked to the future, expecting it to

get better. Booth capitalized on that and made plans for his Army to establish a heaven on earth and to win the world for Jesus. And they nearly did it.

But this is not a generation of progress. We have some technological advances in communication, but wars, natural disasters, terrorism and economic crises have all but destroyed any optimism this generation may have had. Few are expecting the immediate future to be better. The language and methods of Booth do not resonate today.

If we continue to use outmoded methods and language, we will be relegated to an antiques roadshow, attracting the nostalgic and the curious while the masses of humanity pass us by.

I am an antique. In my early days, I used to get invited to conduct youth rallies and run summer camps. Now I get asked to conduct seniors' Sundays. Thankfully antiques are not entirely useless. While they are not very practical, their most valuable quality is their ability to inspire. Take, for example, vintage cars. The oldest ones are very slow. The muscle cars of the 1960s are gas guzzlers and air polluters. But when put on display, polished and restored, they attract car enthusiasts who admire the cars' beauty and the ingenuity of those early designers.

Likewise, the antiques in the Church are most valuable when they inspire the younger generation to do more and be better than the previous generation. Do we have the courage to let the next generation have its turn? 

*Major Fred Ash is the corps officer at Burlington Community Church, Ont.*





# The Hidden Life

We all have an important role to play in ministry

BY JOHN McALISTER, SENIOR EDITOR



As an employee at The Salvation Army's territorial headquarters, I sometimes find it hard to see Jesus in the workplace. This is certainly not a judgment on my co-workers, but rather an acknowledgment that I spend my days staring at a flickering computer screen, filling out mountains of paperwork and trying to keep up with the constant barrage of e-mail correspondence.

Part of the problem is that I'm looking through too narrow of a lens. If I focus my attention solely on the dynamic Jesus who preached to the crowds or healed the sick, my work in my little cubicle will always seem insignificant and mundane. But if I open my eyes to the whole life of Jesus Christ, then I'm able to discover value and meaning in what I do.

Charles de Foucauld writes about the hidden life of Christ. As followers of Jesus, we strive to imitate his life and witness, and so we look to the gospels and try to learn as much about Jesus as we can. Surprisingly, there is very little information provided about Jesus' early years before his public ministry—what many estimate to be his first 30 years on earth. This period of time is what Foucauld refers to as the hidden life of Jesus.

Foucauld argues that what's *not* written

about Jesus tells us an important story. In Nazareth, where Jesus grew up, we find the place of ordinary life. We discover Jesus prior to his three years of ministry, the Jesus who lives in relative obscurity, the Jesus who must balance family life, work responsibilities, community living, prayer and spiritual formation. The crowds do not gather around this Jesus, news of his carpentry skills does not travel from town to town, and he does not need to escape on a boat to find peace and quiet.

It is in this period of time that Jesus receives the grounding he needs to prepare him for his active ministry. He spends time in prayer, works a humble job and studies the Scriptures. This is the hidden life of Jesus—a life so ordinary that it barely gets a mention in the gospel narratives—that was essential for the success of his public ministry.


Those of us who work in administrative offices spend little time on the front lines of ministry. We don't have the privilege of sitting at the bedside of someone who is sick, visiting someone in a prison, finding shelter for the homeless, helping someone break the chains of addiction or ministering in the home of a congregant. We do, however, have the opportunity to support these ministries. Our work behind

## Finding Meaning

- 1. Spend time in daily prayer.** Ask God to help you see yourself and the world around you as he does. When we understand our role in life and ministry, we experience assurance and contentment.
- 2. Study the Scriptures.** In difficult situations, Jesus often quoted from the psalms or prophets. It's essential that we, too, have a biblical grounding for our beliefs and actions.
- 3. Financially support the ministry of your church.** Without our tithes and offerings, our churches, staff and programs would not exist.
- 4. Volunteer your time.** While it's not feasible for all Salvationists to engage in full-time ministry, we can all participate in various outreach and discipling activities. If you're not involved in some sort of ministry, pray about it and speak with your corps officer/pastor.
- 5. Be diligent at work.** No matter your profession, honour God in the way you carry out your responsibilities. Strive to find ways to show the love of Jesus Christ to your co-workers and those you serve.
- 6. Listen for the call to full-time ministry.** At some point in our lives, God may ask us to leave our current jobs behind to serve him full-time as lay people or officers.

our desks helps free up others to pursue these life-changing experiences.

The same holds true for other Salvationists. While we participate in important activities such as community care ministry, small-group Bible studies and children's programs, most of our time is spent at work and with our families. But without our financial, volunteer and prayer support, those called to serve in full-time ministry would be severely limited in their resources and effectiveness.

In some ways, this is the hidden life of The Salvation Army. And while it's important that we continue to silently fulfil our duties, we should never lose sight of the fact that what we do is valuable and meaningful, and that Jesus is with us. Just as Jesus identified with us by living simply, we, in return, can identify with him in the humble way we carry out our daily responsibilities. 



# Buy a Present, Give a Future

For the past four years, the Gifts of Hope campaign has provided support to vulnerable people around the world

BY MAJOR GILLIAN BROWN



The Salvation Army is helping Ruthie and Esther (pictured with family and corps officer) receive an education

When the Gifts of Hope campaign (see back cover) launched in October 2007, it carried the tagline “Gifts guaranteed to bring hope”—a bold promise that has born fruit.

Last June, in the remote Liberian village of Arthington, a young mother went into labour. She had no access to public transport and was unable to make the two-hour walk to a medical clinic. But she safely delivered her firstborn thanks to Gifts of Hope, which provided the local Salvation Army officer-nurse with medical supplies through its “Stock a Clinic” option.

Lieutenant Debbie Kwashie is that nurse, serving with her husband in Arthington. In her role as corps officer, she is aware of the medical concerns of the women and children in the village and surrounding area. While a Salvation Army mobile clinic attempts to make a monthly visit to the community, frequently the roads are impassable due to rains. In emergency situations, the lieutenant is often the primary medical support.


“Thank you for the medical supplies,”

writes Lieutenant Kwashie, noting that most of the villagers’ diseases can be cared for with basic medication.

Gifts of Hope also impacts villages in Pakistan and Malawi, where community health workers and officers have received medical kits and training.

Through the generosity of Canada and Bermuda, the campaign is also providing significant funding to children left orphaned due to HIV/AIDS. In Malawi, torn clothes have been replaced by new school uniforms so that 300 children—including Ruthie and Esther (pictured above)—can attend school with dignity and pride.

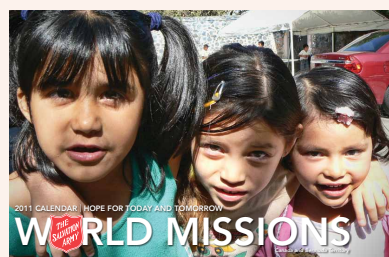
Gifts of Hope provides goats and other income-generating animals to grandmothers, aunts and older siblings who care for orphaned family members.

Thank you for your generous support of Gifts of Hope. With your assistance, The Salvation Army can continue to bring hope to vulnerable children and their families. 

*Major Gillian Brown is director of world missions.*

## Hope by the Numbers

- 240 goats were distributed, allowing 140 families in Tanzania and Malawi to earn incomes
- 85 families benefited from the cow project in Tanzania, offering milk and dairy products to rural communities at reasonable prices
- 40 members of the home-based care committee in Malawi received training, basic medical kits and 20 bicycles to reach up to 3,000 vulnerable people
- 85 basic medical kits were distributed in Pakistan to reach communities desperately in need of health care
- 85 families received solar cookers in Bolivia; 700 trees were planted to re-forest the village area
- 300 children orphaned by HIV/AIDS in Malawi have the school uniform and supplies necessary to attend school
- 1,462 children from low-income families in Liberia attend after-school study classes
- 100 pigs were purchased as a pilot program at the John Gowan School in Liberia to subsidize the education of girls



## World Missions Calendar

The 2011 World Missions calendar is available from Supplies and Purchasing. These provide an excellent fundraising opportunity for your local Partners in Mission Appeal. Order by phone (416-422-6100) or e-mail ([orderdesk@can.salvationarmy.org](mailto:orderdesk@can.salvationarmy.org)).



# Timeless Inspiration

The return of the Gowans and Larsson musicals

To make the songs of the Gowans and Larsson musicals available to this generation, General John Larsson (Rtd) is recording a series of CDs under the generic title of *John Larsson plays*, in which he plays piano arrangements of the main songs from the 10 musicals he co-authored with General John Gowans (Rtd) during the period 1967-1990.



Most of these digital piano recordings, enhanced on some tracks by other instrumental voices, will feature songs from two musicals, and all will come accompanied by a booklet containing the song lyrics by John Gowans.

The first CD in the series—*John Larsson plays Take-over Bid and Hosea*—has now been launched by Salvationist Publishing and Supplies (UK) and includes 28 songs from the first two musicals written by the duo, among them favourites such as *Someone Cares*, *Hundreds and Thousands*, *His Love Remains the Same* and *How Much More*.

Listening to these songs while following the words in the 32-page booklet will be a trip down memory lane for many. But the composer hopes it will also bring inspiration to those who never knew the era of the musicals. “Most of these songs are timeless and have something to say to each new generation,” says General Larsson.

The CD is available from Salvation Army Christian Book and Supply Centres or online at [salvationarmy.ca/store](http://salvationarmy.ca/store). Visit [www.johnlarsson.com](http://www.johnlarsson.com) for further information and sample tracks.

# FAST for CHANGE 2010

On October 16, join thousands of Christians across Canada in a day of prayer and fasting

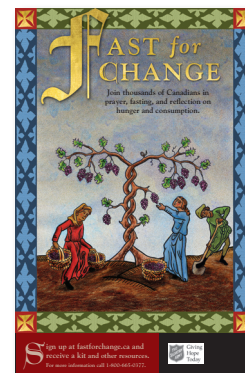
Hunger in a world of abundance is a matter of injustice. More than a billion people are chronically malnourished. As followers of Jesus, we are called to respond in prayer and action.

Fast for Change 2010 challenges Christians to consider why so many in the world are hungry and then to act in solidarity and love. Developed by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank—a partnership of Canadian churches (including The Salvation Army) and church-based agencies working to end hunger in developing countries—the event seeks to:

- increase and deepen the involvement of Canadians in efforts to end hunger
- support partnerships and activities to reduce hunger on an immediate and sustainable basis
- influence changes in public policies necessary to end hunger

On World Food Day—October 16—churches across the country will join together to fast, pray and reflect on what is required to produce the food that we rely on for our physical health. It is a time to consider what impact our daily activities have on agriculture and the production of food. Images of fertile vineyards, cultivation and agriculture permeate the Bible, but Jesus’ command to “feed the hungry” is not a metaphor.

A resource kit is available to help individuals and churches plan for meaningful participation in Fast for Change. Register at [www.fastforchange.ca](http://www.fastforchange.ca).

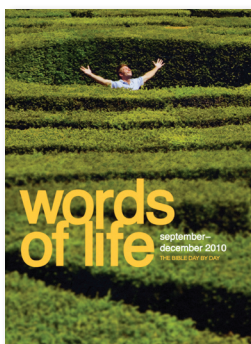


# Life-Giving Words

The Salvation Army’s daily devotional inspires and encourages

Meet God daily through prayer and praise ... Enjoy a variety of bite-sized Bible readings ... Build a lasting library for further study. Produced by The Salvation Army’s International Headquarters, *Words of Life* is published three times a year: January-April, May-August and September-December.

Major Beverly Ivany, an officer of the Canada and Bermuda Territory, is the newest writer of *Words of Life*. As the author of two books and numerous articles, Major Ivany is no stranger to literary work. Over the next three years, she



will establish themes for the series, write the majority of the daily readings and co-ordinate guest writers.

Although Major Ivany has already started her appointment with International Headquarters, her work will not appear until January 2012. “As a daily devotional, *Words of Life* offers inspiration and encouragement,” she says. “It has a strong biblical foundation and feeds both the head and the heart.”

*Words of Life* is available from Salvation Army Christian Book and Supply Centres or online at [salvationarmy.ca/store](http://salvationarmy.ca/store). Each issue costs \$6.99 plus shipping. Annual subscriptions can also be arranged by calling 416-422-6100.



Mjr Beverly Ivany







# Sacred Gratitude

As we sit around the dinner table, remember that God shares our meal and hears our prayers

BY LT-COLONEL LYNDA WATT

**G**race. In the context of the spiritual, author Philip Yancey calls these five letters “the last best word.” For those who are new to the English language and attempting to navigate its little idiosyncrasies, it is a challenge that takes endurance. Indeed, there are at least 10 other definitions of the word used in a variety of contexts from elegance of movement to a titled person or a musical term. In this holiday season of gratitude, however, the meaning of grace refers to a short prayer before a meal, invoking a blessing upon the food and giving thanks to God.

## Our Daily Bread

So sacred is this moment that the scene at the dinner table has been depicted in many styles of art over the centuries. Perhaps one of the best known appeared as a cover illustration created by Norman Rockwell for *The Saturday Evening Post*. His art became famous for capturing everyday scenarios that were important to faith and life. In his 1951 work entitled *Saying Grace*, he created the quintessential illustration of a mother and son at a restaurant table with reverent heads bowed under the watchful gaze of other patrons. Another famous painting, based on the 1919 photo by Eric Enstrom entitled *Daily Bread*, is dramatic and in its simplicity strikes at the heart as an elderly man bows his head before a solitary loaf.

No matter the faith tradition, saying grace is a means by which humankind, nature and the infinite connect. Some choose to offer a prayer only at special holidays, such as Easter, Christmas and Thanksgiving. In Christian practice, Deuteronomy 8:10 is traditionally cited as the scriptural basis for offering the prayer:

“When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.”

## Paid in Full

For many it is a natural part of every meal to offer thanks and to ask God to bless their food. On one occasion when our children were pre-schoolers, we were eating at a

Grace sanctifies the meal and makes the time spent together sacred no matter the menu. These brief but intimate moments of intercession can often be moving spiritual experiences

restaurant and prayed over the burgers and fries. When our meal was finished, we learned that our bill had already been paid in full by someone who had been touched by the sacredness of the moment.

In later years when our adult sons invited their girlfriends for a meal, there was a sense that even though our faith tradition may not be shared, our guests had an appreciation for the graciousness


of the moment. The impact of this lovely tradition is now evident, as these newest additions to our family are often the ones who, when seated around the dining room table, are the first to ask, “Who is going to say the grace?”

## Act of Remembrance

Pausing to offer gratitude is an act of communion in remembrance not only for what is on the table but for those who sit across from us. It sanctifies the meal and makes the time spent together sacred no matter the menu. These brief but intimate moments of intercession can often be moving spiritual experiences.

Growing up in what was probably a simpler time, there was a little plaque on the wall of our humble dining room that said:

*Christ is the head of this house,  
The unseen guest at every meal,  
The silent listener to every conversation.*

It may be a verse of the past, but it offers a simple reminder that God shares our meal and hears our prayers—not just on Thanksgiving Day, but every time we gather. So much more than eating can transpire around the table, and the verbal blessing called grace is the invocation of gratitude to the sacred time shared. 

*Lt-Colonel Lynda Watt is the assistant to the secretary for business administration, THQ. She is thankful for her family and the privilege of serving as a Salvation Army officer.*

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# Bright Ideas

Through God's inspiration, Salvationists have invented tools that foster income-generation, health and sanitation

BY LT-COLONEL MAXWELL RYAN

Contemporary life would be vastly different without the bewildering array of inventions that sustain, amuse and interest us. And for a relatively small organization, The Salvation Army has had its share of inventors.

## Maxwell Hand Loom

At the turn of the last century, The Salvation Army appointed an English officer named Captain Frank Maxwell to serve in India. Gifted with inventiveness, he soon realized that many of India's poorest residents spent their lives weaving on clumsy and inefficient looms. Before long, he had designed and built out of scraps of lumber a light and efficient hand loom that could produce up to five times more cloth than the old style. Several factories were established to build the looms that were exhibited in various Indian cities. The loom won first prize in three competitions. Gandhi also adopted the hand loom during his campaign for India's independence.

The Maxwell hand loom—as it became known—was the most popular machine of its kind, able to work with silk as well as cotton. In 1908, a weaving school was opened in India under the direction of the Army, with a similar school in Sri Lanka.

For Captain Maxwell, the loom was more than just a great economic and social benefit. He used it as a platform to spread the gospel.

## Tippy Tap

Major (Dr.) Jim Watt, a retired Salvation Army officer living in Calgary, has a his-

tory of inventions, starting with simple Sunday school “magic.” During his university studies, he created inexpensive teaching devices, which were used in the first science curriculum of newly independent Tanzania.

In 1970, Major Watt was appointed chief medical officer at the Army's Howard Hospital in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), where he designed teaching aids for nutrition, hygiene and HIV prevention, as well as for communicating the gospel.

Major Watt is well-known in Zimbabwe as the inventor of the tippy tap, a suspended water-filled calabash (bottle gourd) with a loose-fitting plug in its neck. Tipping the gourd fills the curved neck with water, which remains in the neck as the gourd is released, providing a flow of water for hand washing, stopping on its own until the device is tipped again. This met hygiene standards and conserved precious water.

The “tippy tap” won third prize in an international appropriate technology exhibition and attracted the attention of Zimbabwe's first president.

When he returned to Canada, Major Watt developed a similar device from a discarded plastic bottle by heating and sealing the bottom of the handle. It has been used around the world to improve hygiene and prevent disease.


None of Major Watts' inventions were patented, allowing them to be copied widely. “Good ideas, like great melodies and stories, come by inspiration from God,” he says. “To him is due the glory.”

## Aussie Mozzie Tube

Rodney and Elaine Foster are Salvationists in the Australia Eastern Territory who, during a mission trip with the Army to Papua New Guinea in September 2004, saw a need and then invented a solution.

The Fosters discovered that short-term missions to inhospitable climates require self-supporting, enclosed, yet airy, mosquito nets, able to fit in a lower bunk or bed. They also need to be lightweight for backpacking, have a moisture-proof base and be sturdy enough for creatures to walk on without touching the occupant. Nothing like this was available, so the Fosters invented the Aussie Mozzie Tube, a self-supporting, free-standing, sleeping tube designed for areas with disease-carrying mosquitoes and dangerous snakes.

The Aussie Mozzie Tube can be used indoors or outdoors and is designed to accommodate most kinds of inflatable camp mattresses. It requires no pegs or tie downs to secure it or strings to attach it to any other supports.

The Aussie Mozzie Tube has been featured in several magazines and has won a number of awards for best invention. The worldwide interest in their invention has enabled the Fosters—who live a simple lifestyle—to support a number of overseas projects. As people of deep faith, they are convinced that God guided them with their invention. 

*Lt-Colonel Maxwell Ryan is retired in Burlington, Ont., where he serves as a part-time hospital chaplain and amateur Army historian.*



## Doctor In the House

Thank you for the profile on Salvationist physician Dr. John Li (Doctor's Orders, July). He is much beloved in the Maritime Division—a staple figure at music camp, men's camp and all divisional gatherings. He is an honourable gentlemen who serves the Lord with tireless enthusiasm. God bless the Li family.

Lieutenant Robert Jeffery

Dr. Li has been a blessing to me since I met him. I was not a believer but I remember noticing the signs in his office and the magazines that were left in the waiting room that testified of his faith in Jesus Christ. After I was saved, Dr. Li helped me accomplish my goal of going to Russia on a missions trip. I doubt he would even remember. With his Christlike spirit in helping others, it would be hard for him to recall all of the helpful, selfless things he does for others. I am sure those in Haiti were blessed by his service there. We are fortunate to have him as a part of our Moncton community. I can't wait to hear where the Lord leads him next!

Allura Noel

## Uniform Un-Suitable

I have been a uniformed Salvationist for over 40 years, and I really don't like wearing it (Committed Fashionistas, April). When I started wearing uniform, it was smart and contemporary. Back then it was usual to see people in suits, dressed both for work and for social events. It was fashionable. And people really knew what the uniform stood for. There was an awareness of spiritual and church life.

I have always walked to the Army in my uniform and, gradually, as the spirit of secularism has drawn like a blanket over the country, I have noticed a change in the way I am perceived. Now, it is rare to see anyone in a uniform or a suit. Casual attire is the order of the day. And I have to say that as I walk to the Army these days, not many



people smile and say hello—I am looked at with some suspicion, and children think I am a policewoman, because they have no knowledge of the things of God.

In my corps, no one under 40 wears a uniform, except junior soldiers. I still wear it because of what it represents to me, but I'm sorry to say that most people have no idea of what it represents. We have to be relevant to the society in which we live. Frankly, the uniform doesn't do it.

Glenda Howells

It is true that most people don't know what the uniform stands for, but why would that be a reason to not wear it? Surely that would be a reason to wear it and to educate people by doing so. As for the public no longer wearing suits, would that be a reason for you to not wear your uniform if you were a member of your country's armed forces? You are a member of Christ's armed forces, and you live in a world that is naturally antagonistic to Christ.

The Salvation Army was raised up as an Army from its beginning. It is not the only Christian denomination. My opinion is that if people don't like the uniform or any of the other war-like symbols or language of The Salvation Army, then maybe they should consider whether or not a different denomination is a better fit.

Karen Osborne

Quite frankly, the uniform debate is wearing a little thin. We are either an Army ... or not. And armies wear uniforms. Even with the Army's now rather tepid militarism, one can still enjoy many of the joys of soldiership without wearing the uniform. It isn't mandatory, and choosing not to wear it does not make one less of a Salvationist. Indeed, the sad reality is that in many corps it is often only those who are participating in music sections who wear uniform.

So this seemingly endless debate over the uniform and other expressions of Salvationism seems counter-productive. The Army in Canada faces far greater and more serious issues. So I believe people should either embrace the Army for what it is—its doctrines, methodology and forms of expressions—or, at the risk of sounding harsh, move on.

David Stam

## Worthy of Note

I just read the August edition of *Salvationist*, and write to congratulate you on a splendid, inspiring magazine. I found the chief secretary's article (The One Thing)

insightful and timely. As Colonel Floyd Tidd points out, discipleship is something every Salvationist should put into practise. The other article worthy of note is by Dr. Donald Burke (Second-Class Scripture?). As president and professor of biblical studies at Booth University College in Winnipeg, Don himself is a model for giving full voice to both Old and New Testament Scriptures through his teaching influence.

Lt-Colonel David Hammond

## Viva Mission Cuba!

Thanks to Doug Morton for a refreshing and inspirational report on his mission trip to Cuba (My Cuban Faith Revolution, August). As a member of another holiness church, I have been to Cuba 10 times. Many of these trips were for similar projects, including an inspection trip to help repair or replace buildings damaged by a hurricane. Each time I have come back feeling blessed by the experience of worship, fellowship and friendship with these brothers and sisters in the Lord. They have done so much for us as we have visited them. What joy! What commitment! What a refreshing worship experience!

George Adams



## Raised Up?

The Atlantic Congress and Commissioning in St. John's, N.L., was a great weekend with excellent worship, amazing moments of looking into God's Word, awesome prayer and wonderful contributions from everyone involved (Embracing Our Destiny, August).

However, I have a question: Is anyone else uncomfortable with the Army's "raised up" language? It's as if the Church had it all wrong for 2,000 years and then God finally got it right with the Booths. I love The Salvation Army, but I wonder if we overemphasize "Salvationism" at the expense of Christianity. We need to remember that we're just one part of the greater body of Christ.

Captain Mark Braye





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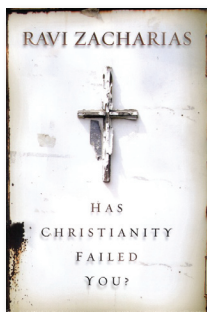
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## Has Christianity Failed You?

Ravi Zacharias

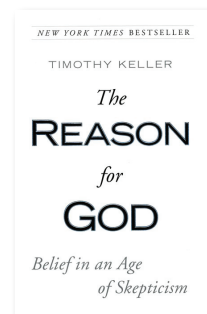
Ravi Zacharias always asks hard questions about what it means to be a follower of Jesus. In this new book he explains why so many people have given up on faith and examines whether it's the fault of the Church, the message, the communicator, the hearer or all of the above. Hope for skeptics and disappointed believers alike.



## The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism

Timothy Keller

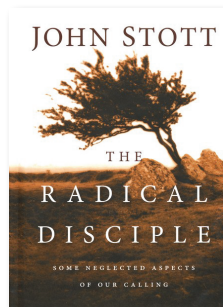
How could a loving God send people to Hell? Why does he allow suffering? Can one religion be "right" and the others "wrong"? Responding to the questions of open doubters and ardent believers, Keller draws from literature, philosophy, reason and real-life conversations to explain how faith in a Christian God is a soundly rational belief.



## The Radical Disciple: Some Neglected Aspects of Our Calling

John Stott

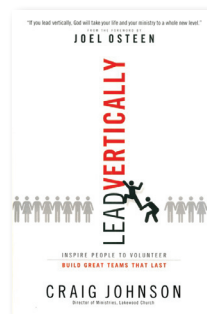
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## Lead Vertically: Inspire People to Volunteer, Build Great Teams That Last

Craig Johnson

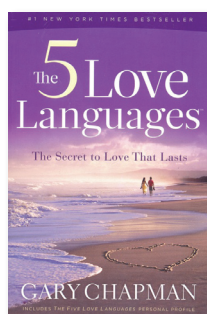
Great leaders build up, not down. When leaders in the Church or in the marketplace inspire their teams with a vision of what is possible, passion meets production and great things start to happen. As senior director of the largest and fastest-growing church in America, Craig Johnson oversees thousands of staff members, lay leaders and volunteers. His new book includes tools for recruiting, training and strengthening teams.



## The 5 Love Languages: The Secret to Love That Lasts

Gary Chapman

Marriages may be made in Heaven, but they must be nurtured here on earth. In this new paperback edition, Dr. Gary Chapman explains how people communicate love in different ways, and shares the wonderful things that happen when men and women learn to speak each other's love language. Each chapter ends with simple steps to guide your marriage in the right direction.



## Sweetpea Beauty: A Girl After God's Own Heart (VeggieTales)

The newest VeggieTales DVD introduces Sweetpea Beauty, a veggie who knows that true beauty is found on the inside—but just try telling that to insecure Queen Blueberry, who can't see past her own reflection in the deceitful magic mirror. When Sweetpea is banished to the dark forest, can a band of merry minstrels and seven snow peas save the day? Also includes the soon-to-be-classic *Snooderella*.



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Francis Chan

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## ENROLMENT AND RECOGNITION



STONEY CREEK, ONT.—Above: Mjr Greg Simmonds, then CO at Winterberry Heights Church, presents Melissa Gross, Claire Diffey and Nathaniel Taylor with their commissions as corps band members. Below left: Emily and Samuel Paddock are welcomed as new junior soldiers. With them is Sylvia Thompson. Below right: Robert Taylor receives his commission as bandmaster from Mjr Greg Simmonds.



ST. CATHARINES, ONT.—Mjr Harold Rideout and Shirley Sauve receive their commissions as corps sergeant major and women's ministries secretary. From left, Mjr Harold Rideout; Mjr Kent Hepditch, CO; Shirley Sauve; Mjr Dena Hepditch, CO; and Mjr Glenda Davis, AC, Ont. GL Div.



ST. JOHN'S N.L.—Mjrs David and Elaine Braye, COs, St. John's Temple, N.L., stand with Larry Purdy, newly commissioned corps sergeant major.



BAYVIEW, N.L.—During its 60th corps anniversary weekend celebrations, led by Mjrs Lorne and Barbara Pritchett, Bayview enrolled a senior soldier and their first assistant corps sergeant major. From left, Mjr Phyllis Blundell-Colbourne, former CO; Shirley Greenham, CT; Mjr Barbara Pritchett; Dianne Hynes, CSM; Glenis Hicks, ACSM; Mjr Lorne Pritchett; Gilbert Hynes, new senior soldier; Cpt Reid Colbourne, former CO; Maxwell Greenham, oldest soldier.



HALIFAX—Lt Rob Jeffery, CO, Spryfield Community Church, presents a corps treasurer's commission to Annette Frost.



SARNIA, ONT.—Above: Sarnia enrolls community care ministries members. From left, Linda Houlbrook; William Gilbert; June Gilbert; Yvonne Tranter; Cynthia Thibert; Jean Smith; Deborah Gilbert, CCMS; Mjr Drucella Pollard, CO; Mjr Rick Pollard, CO. Right: Deborah Gilbert, new community care ministries secretary, displays her commission with Mjrs Drucella and Rick Pollard.



LANGLEY, B.C.—At The Willows, a Community Church of The Salvation Army, Mjr William Merritt conducted the dedication service of his great-grandson, Nathan Thomas Michel, with four generations present. From left, Mjr Miriam Merritt; Jack Michel; grandson, Chris Michel; daughter, Nancy; Char Michel, holding son, Nathan; David Michel; and Mjr William Merritt.





DUNNVILLE, ONT.—Sherron Wildfong, manager of the Dunnville Salvation Army thrift store, receives a certificate recognizing 15 years of service with the Army. With her are Greg Warkentin, executive director, community and family services and thrift stores, Niagara Region; and Mjr Glenda Davis, AC, Ont. GL Div.

LONDON, ONT.—London city council recognized several local emergency disaster services agencies during Emergency Preparedness Week, including The Salvation Army, which was represented by Perron Goodyear, divisional EDS director, Ont. GL Div. "The ministry is completely volunteer driven," says Goodyear. "The London team has 36 members, many of them from the community." From left, Mjr Pat Phinney, DSPRD; Perron Goodyear; Bernie MacDonald, city councillor; Pat McNally, city engineer and general manager of engineering and environmental services; and Mayor Anne Marie DeCicco-Best.



NEW LISKEARD, ONT.—New Liskeard celebrated its 105th anniversary under the leadership of Lt-Cols Merv and Mary Belle Leach, then interim corps officers. In addition to Sunday worship, "we had a barbecue lunch and the traditional cake cutting," says Lt-Col Mary Belle Leach. "Attendances have been between 40-50 and the corps has an excellent thrift store, community and family services and food bank." With Lt-Cols Leach cutting the cake are Edra Pringle, the corps' oldest soldier, and Hannah Seed, the youngest junior soldier. Edra Pringle's mother, Cpt Jane Daubreville, opened the corps with Ensign Jean McCann in 1905.



MEDICINE HAT, ALTA.—Corrie Lee, director of Rise 'n' Shine Day-Care, receives a 20-year certificate for faithful service. From left, Mjr Sandra Stokes, AC, Alta. and Northern Ttys Div; Connie Dulle, business manager; Corrie Lee; Mjr Gwen Hagglund, former CO; and Mjr James Hagglund, former executive director.

## GAZETTE

### Territorial Appointments

Cpt Reid Colbourne/Mjr Phyllis Blundell-Colbourne, Lethbridge/Random Island Circuit, N.L. Div; Mjrs George/Holly Patterson, Ocala Corps, FL, U.S.A. Southern Tty; Cpt Bertrand Lessard, executive director, Montreal Booth Centre and Family Services, Que. Div\*; Mjr Bryan Hayward, estates program co-ordinator, legal department, THQ

\*Designation change

### Promotions to major

Cpts Owen/Sandra Budden, Carolyn Hale, Dena Hepditch, Richard/Trudy Moulard, Cynthia Oliver, Austin Randell, Wayne Williams

### Long service—25 years

Mjrs Wilbert/Joan Hopkins, Roy/Sandra Langer, Beulah LeBlanc, Glenda Roode

### Long service—30 years

Lt-Col Sandra Rice, Mjrs Donna Anstey, Edward Barrow, Wade Budgell, Wilfred Harbin

### Long service—35 years

Mjrs David/Edith Dean, Calvin/Loretta Fudge, Bonnie Patey

### Long service—40 years

Mjrs Wilbert/Bertha Abbott, Clarence Bradbury, Ivan Elliott, Lt-Col Wayne Pritchett

### Retirements

Mjrs Woodrow/Maxine Boyde, out of Bridgeport,

N.L. Last appointment: chaplain and program director, Catherine Booth House, St. John's, N.L. Div; Mjrs Robert/Sophie Gilbert, out of Cedarbrae, Ont. Last appointment: Lakeshore Community Church, Toronto, Ont. CE Div; Mjr Gloria Hammond, out of Winnipeg Citadel. Last appointment: co-ordinator of correspondence courses, leadership development, and assistant, disposition of forces, personnel department, THQ; Mjr Penny Lang, out of Winnipeg Citadel. Last appointment: executive director, Agape Hospice and Jackson/Willan Seniors' Residence, Calgary, Alta. and Northern Ttys Div; Mjr Charles Steenburgh, out of Etobicoke, Ont. Last appointment: co-ordinator for chaplaincy services, correctional and justice services, Kingston, Ont. CE Div; Mjr June Steenburgh, out of Etobicoke, Ont. Last appointment: pastoral services officer, Bethany Hope Centre, Ottawa, Ont. CE Div; Mjr Linda Watts, out of New Waterford, N.S. Last appointment: on leave, Maritime Div

### Marriage

Mjrs Kenneth Percy and Donette Green, St. John's, N.L., Jun 10

### Births

Cpts Michael/Susan Ramsay, daughter, Marie Anne Heather, June 29; Cpts Michael/Carolyn Simpson, son, Timothy Michael, June 30; Cpts Neil/Melissa Sunnuck, son, Austin James, July 1; Lt Nicholas/Cpt Heather Samuel, son, Philip

James, July 19

### Promoted to Glory

Mjr Ivy Stoodley, from Grand Falls-Windsor, N.L., Jun 16; Mrs Mjr Evelyn Barr, from London, Ont., Jul 5; Brig Richard Choi, from Richmond, B.C., Jul 6; Mjr Dorothy Hall, from Toronto, Jul 17

## CALENDAR

### Commissioners William and Marilyn Francis

Sep 30-Oct 1 National Advisory Board, Toronto\*; Oct 4-10 Theology and Ethics Symposium, London, England\*; Oct 11-14 International Doctrine Council, London, England\*; Oct 16-17 officer information weekend, CFOT, Winnipeg; Oct 19-Nov 2, Territorial Holy Land Tour

\*Commissioner William Francis only

### Colonels Floyd and Tracey Tidd

Oct 1-3 Mountain Citadel 20th anniversary and CSB concert, Hamilton, Ont.; Oct 4-5 Western leaders regional meeting, Vancouver; Oct 10 Warehouse Mission dedication service, Toronto; Oct 16-25 Lausanne Convention, South Africa\*

\*Colonel Floyd Tidd only

### General Bramwell Tillsley (Rtd)

Oct 5-7 Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Div, U.S.A. Central Tty

### Canadian Staff Band

Oct 2-3 Mountain Citadel, Hamilton, Ont.



### Grade 6 Class Helping to Rebuild Haiti



ASQUITH, SASK.—Hearing about the people left homeless by the earthquake in Haiti, the Grade 6 class at Lord Asquith School decided to help. The students put a large paper house on display in the school hallway, encouraging family, friends, teachers and employees to donate money. Each contributor received a paper brick to place on the house. They raised \$240 for The Salvation Army's rebuilding efforts in Haiti.

### Army Officers Become RCMP Chaplains

SASKATOON—The Royal Canadian Mounted Police has instituted a chaplaincy program to help its members deal with the spiritual and emotional trauma resulting from their jobs. Four Salvation Army officers in Saskatchewan are proud to join its ranks. Dale McGowen, commanding officer of RCMP F Division in Saskatchewan, presented certificates of chaplaincy to Mjrs Mike Hoeft and Peter Eason and Cpts Ed Dean and Michael Ramsay. Mjr Hoeft, CO, Melfort, Sask., says it is a great opportunity to serve a group that is sometimes overlooked. "The RCMP always helps others and sometimes they need a little in return," he says. Mjr Peter Eason, CO, Meadow Lake, Sask., says the role feels like a natural extension of his work. "This is a great

privilege and I am praying for the strength to do my best with it."



Mjr Peter Eason with Dale McGowen

### Partners in Ministry

SURREY, B.C.—The Knights of Columbus Cedar Club of Surrey is partnering with the Army's community and family services to create a new mom and tot drop-in program. Tony Upton of the Cedar Club presents Mjr Russ Holland, CO, with a cheque for \$40,092 to make this program a reality.



### In the Right Place at the Right Time

WINDSOR, ONT.—Mjr Violet Chaulk was one of three recipients of Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital's annual Legends Awards. This honour is bestowed upon staff who epitomize in their daily work the hospital's values of respect, compassion, teamwork and stewardship. Nominator Diana Dupuis described chaplain Mjr Chaulk as someone who was always in the right place at the right time, both personally and professionally.



Mjr Violet Chaulk with hospital CEO Warren Chant and Diana Dupuis

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## Officer Retirements

### Majors Woodrow and Maxine Boyde

retire after 81 years of combined service to God in The Salvation Army. Woodrow trained in the Evangelist Session of 1967-1969 and Maxine in the Lightbringers Session of 1970-1972. Prior to marriage, Woodrow served in Change Islands, Rocky Harbour and Glovers Harbour, N.L., and Maxine commanded the corps in Harry's Harbour/Jackson's Cove, N.L.. After their marriage in 1973, they served as corps officers in Garnish, Seal Cove, Musgrave Harbour, LaScie, St. Anthony, Triton, N.L., West Hill Community Church in Toronto, Springdale and St. John's West, N.L. Three years ago they were appointed to the New Hope Community Centre in St. John's with Woodrow as chaplain and Maxine as program director. Woodrow was also the chaplain for the Wiseman Centre. "Evangelism and a passion for the lost have been the heartbeat of our ministry," says Woodrow.



**Major Linda Watts** grew up participating in the corps in New Waterford, N.S. Commissioned as an officer of the Followers of Christ Session in 1974, she served as corps officer, worked with troubled and pregnant teens, ministered as chaplain to seniors and helped those in need through community and family services. "I have experienced many highlights: observing a baby being born, seeing a senior citizen give his life to the Lord, helping families deal with the loss of a loved one and helping the less fortunate at Christmas," says Linda. "The Lord has been good and always proved sufficient. The promise of Isaiah 40:31 has kept me through the years: 'But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.'"



## Accepted for Training

### Stefan Van Schaick,

*St. Albert, Alberta and Northern Territories Division*  
I first encountered Christ when I was 16. My relationship with him was inconsistent for nearly five years until National Music Camp in 2003 when I heard him say, "Just trust me." Since then I have relied on those three words, especially regarding my calling. When I walk with the Lord, all the pieces fall into place.



### Laura Van Schaick,

*St. Albert, Alberta and Northern Territories Division*

Raised in a strong Christian home, I grew up hearing Bible stories, saying my prayers and knowing that Jesus loves me. However, it was not until I was 12, attending The Salvation Army Pine Lake Camp, that I realized I could have a relationship with Christ. As my friendship with him grew, my faith became my own. I was no longer a Christian because my parents were, but because I knew Christ as my personal Lord and Saviour. I have continued to follow him joyfully, learning that life is better when I rely on Christ totally. I feel blessed to be called to officership and am eager to be the hands and feet of Jesus, knowing he will always be with me.

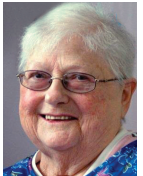
## TRIBUTE

GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR, N.L.—**Munden H. Braye** was born in Grand Falls, N.L., in 1936. At a young age he dedicated himself to serving the Lord through his gift of music and love for Salvation Army banding. He served as bandmaster at Park Street Citadel, Happy Valley-Goose Bay and Labrador City/Wabush Corps, N.L. Munden felt privileged to teach many individuals who shared a passion for Salvation Army music. He enjoyed being instructed by others and sharing the gospel through music at Ottawa Citadel, Toronto's Scarborough Citadel and Botwood, N.L. Munden's life and memory are celebrated by wife, Beryl; daughters Major Shirley King (Bill), Judy and Cathy; sons Keith (Karen) and Byron; and seven grandchildren.



DEER LAKE, N.L.—**Audrey Helen Barnes (nee Hutchcroft)**

was born in 1930 and raised in a Salvation Army family, becoming a soldier in 1984. Audrey served as a member of the songsters, home league and community care ministries. She also served in the community as a girl guide leader and as a member of the Royal Canadian Legion. Although she experienced ill health in recent years, visitors came away blessed by her spirit and faithfulness. She was also known for her generosity in making quilts and knitted goods for others. Audrey is greatly missed by husband, Edgar; daughters Barbara (Mac), Alice (Roy) and Cindy (Phonse); son, Brian; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



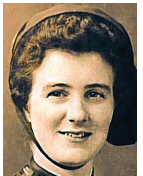
BOTWOOD, N.L.—**Mabel Rowsell** was born in Point Leamington, N.L., in 1918. Committing her life to Christ

as a child, Mabel became a lifelong Salvationist. She was a faithful member of the Point Leamington Corps until the family moved to Botwood where she continued her ministry as a songster, singing company leader, songster pianist, corps pianist and organist. Her love of music was evident in teaching her children the joy of singing and in lifting her voice in songs of praise until the Lord called her home. She exerted a lasting influence on her family, teaching them Christian principles and values. Mabel is remembered with deep love and gratitude by children Lt-Colonel Shirley Rowsell, Phronie Pye, George (Audrey), Verley Pike, Glenda (Oren) Cole, eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.



SMITHS FALLS, ONT.—**Kathaleen (Kay) Grace Cocking**

**Kirkland** was born in 1917 and raised in Toronto. She participated in the children's and other programs at East Toronto Citadel where she also became an Army soldier. In 1948, Kathleen married Murray Kirkland. They had three children: daughter, Maureen Jane Kirkland-MacLaughlin (Joe McGrath); son, Murray Junior Kirkland (Theresa); daughter, Colleen Judith Kirkland. She also has a brother, Frank Ernest Cocking (Joan). Kathleen attended Toronto's Scarborough Citadel from the mid-1970s to 1990s when she moved to Smiths Falls, where she continued her service to God at Smiths Falls Community Church. Kathleen is survived by her children, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



WOODSTOCK, ONT.—Lifelong Salvationist **Olive Edna Rodwell** was born in 1914 in Ingersoll, Ont. As a child, Olive was active in corps pageants and was usually the star in dramatic plays. She was a junior soldier, songster and cub leader. While her husband was overseas during the Second World War, she was active in the corps at Dartmouth, N.S. After the war, they returned to Ingersoll where she served as young people's sergeant major, participated in the home league, led the youth group and community care ministries, and provided transportation for seniors to Sunday worship. When the corps in Ingersoll closed, she transferred her soldiery to Woodstock Community Church. She is lovingly remembered by daughter, Kathleen Willits (George); son, Gordon; 14 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

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# New Growth From Old Roots

Captains Hannu and Gerry Lindholm are reviving a small corps in Kajaani, Finland

BY MELISSA WALTER, STAFF WRITER

In 1959, two-year-old Hannu Lindholm and his family left Finland for a new home in northern Ontario. Although Hannu returned for visits, it wasn't until 49 years later that he moved back to the country of his birth as a captain in The Salvation Army.

Captains Hannu and Gerry Lindholm hadn't planned to minister in Finland after becoming officers. While serving in their first appointment in Manitoba, they reviewed the Army's list of overseas opportunities and saw that one of the positions was in Finland. "My wife and I prayed for many days and God touched our hearts and set the process in motion," says Captain Hannu.

Moving to Finland was difficult for the Lindholms, especially for Captain Gerry. "The language, and thus communication, continues to be my biggest challenge," she says. "It has required my full faith in God to see where I can be used for his service." Although Captain Hannu knew the language, he was nervous about meeting relatives who wouldn't understand his new role in The Salvation Army.

The Lindholms became corps officers in the city of Rauma in August 2008, and in October 2009 were transferred to Kajaani, a city of about 40,000 along a transit route north to Lapland. "From the outside, Finland seems much like Canada," says Captain Gerry. "The climate and geography are similar, as is much of the vegetation and animal life. As in Canada, there are communities that have become quite international in flavour."

In Kajaani, that internationalism can be a point of conflict. According to Captain Hannu, there is often strong prejudice against those who are not of Finnish descent, including families of Gypsy background and refugees from countries like Somalia.

Finland may look like Canada, but it faces different problems. The country has one of the highest rates of alcohol addic-

tion in the world, and in recent years, alcohol has been the leading cause of death in working-age people. As a former alcoholic, Captain Hannu can relate to the problems many Finns have with substance abuse. After accepting Christ and overcoming his addiction, "my heart poured out for those addicted and I began believing that God could bring the same hope into their lives." In Kajaani, he shares that hope through an addictions program and Bible study.


Along with the differences in culture, the Lindholms have had to adjust to The Salvation Army's status in Finland. The Salvation Army in Finland does not yet have official church status but is involved in ongoing conversation related to registering as such. The Army's status outside the church as a Christian mission and social services agency provides funding and opportunities that are not accessible to registered churches. And while the Army does not perform funerals or weddings, it offers "memory services" and provides marriage blessings, following the official services administered by the Lutheran Church. "Many view us as a social provider, nothing more," explains Captain Hannu. "So when we are involved in ecumenical services or evangelism, they are surprised."



Cpts Gerry and Hannu Lindholm are Canadian officers serving in Finland

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As for Kajaani Corps, the 105-year-old church was holding services only once a month before the Lindholms arrived, and had been scheduled to close in December 2009. The work of reopening the church has proved to be a blessing for the captains, who have rebuilt old programs and instituted new ones, such as the addictions program and a women's scrapbooking group that Captain Gerry leads without a translator.

"We can see God's hand on this corps and are excited to be part of his plan here," says Captain Gerry. "I liken our lives in Finland to an ongoing treasure hunt. Each day brings new challenges and new blessings." 



An evening prayer meeting at Kajaani Corps, with Cpt Gerry Lindholm leading worship





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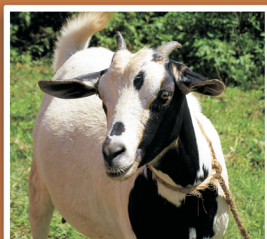
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